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ANEMONES, "ST. BRIGID."

ANEMONES.

		Price each	doz.
Charles Dickens ... <i>Single</i>		4d	2/6
Blue, a splendid variety.	Per 100	18/6	
De Caen (Excelsior Mixture) <i>Single</i>		—	1/6
Giant blooms on long stems, magnificent colours in great variety.	Per 100	10/6	
Gertrude ... <i>Single</i>		4d	2/6
Pink, delightful shade.	Per 100	18/6	
His Excellency ... <i>Single</i>		4d	2/6
Scarlet, very large.	Per 100	18/6	
St. Bavo ... <i>Single</i>		—	2/-
Large flowered mixture, very fine.	Per 100	13/6	
St. Brigid ... <i>Semi-Double</i>		—	2/-
These are a great improvement on the single varieties, mostly semi-double, and are very free-flowering, splendid mixture.	Per 100	13/6	
The Bride ... <i>Single</i>		4d	2/-
Pure white.	Per 100	13/6	
Splendid Mixture ...		—	2/-
Including various types and a fine range of colour.	Per 100	12/6	

ARUMS.

		Price each	doz.
Dracunculus ... <i>Dragon Plant</i>		1/6	—
A remarkable plant producing a large flower resembling a black Arum. The spathe is of a rich deep purple colour.			
Zantedeschia Adlami <i>Arum</i>		3/-	30/-
White with large violet spots.			
Zantedeschia Aethiopica <i>Arum</i>		6d	3/-
The Cape White Arum. Easily grown as it adapts itself to summer or winter rainfall.			
	Per 100	22/6	

ARUMS.

		Price each	doz.
Zantedeschia			
Albo Maculata	<i>Arum</i>	3/-	30/-
	Pure white with spotted foliage.		
Zantedeschia			
Angustiloba	<i>Arum</i>	2/6	25/-
	Yellow with dark blotch in spathe.		
Zantedeschia			
Elliottiana	<i>Arum</i>	3/6	36/-
	A beautiful species, having dark green leaves with silvery spots and deep yellow spathe, making a very showy flower.		
Zantedeschia Sancta	<i>Arum</i>	3/6	36/-
	The black Arum.		
Zantedeschia			
Solfaterre	<i>Arum</i>	2/6	25/-
	Light yellow with black centre, strong grower.		

CANNAS.

Assorted dozens supplied at the dozen rates.

		Price each	doz.
Bronze Giant	...	9d	7/6
	Orange-scarlet, small flower, dense bronze foliage, splendid for back lines, a perfect setting for other varieties, tall, 8 ft.		
Burbank	...	9d	7/6
	Large golden yellow flowers, slightly marked purple, green foliage, like "J. B. van der Schoot" but spots paler.		
Comte Horace	...	9d	7/6
	Bright scarlet, with an orange tinge, dark green foliage, strong grower, 4 ft.		

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	Price each	doz.
J. B. van der Schoot	9d	7/6
Dark citron-yellow spotted purplish red, extra broad flowers, very large, very broad green foliage.		
King Humbert ...	9d	7/6
Brilliant orange-scarlet with bright red markings, gigantic flowers, bronze foliage, excellent.		
King of the Scarlets	9d	7/6
Brilliant scarlet, green foliage, probably the best of this colour.		
Oiseau de Feu ...	9d	7/6
Apricot, large truss, dark green foliage, 4 ft.		
Rose Queen ...	9d	7/6
Bright rose-pink, green foliage.		
Salmon King ...	9d	7/6
Bright salmon-pink, foliage tinged with bronze.		
Yellow King ...	9d	7/6
Pale yellow self, green foliage.		

Per 100 50/-

DAFFODILS AND OTHER NARCISSI.

	Price each	doz.
Admiration ... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/-
Beautiful deep yellow with conspicuous red eye.		
Alba Plena Odorata Double	8d	5/-
Rosettes of pure white over-lapping petals, known as the Gardenia-flowered Narcissus.		
Per 100 35/-		
Aspasia ... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	8d	6/-
Broad solid white perianth and golden cup, prettily fluted, four to five large bold flowers on a stem.		
Per 100 40/-		



DAFFODILS, "GOLDEN SPUR."

DAFFODILS.

		Price each	doz.
Barbara Holmes ... <i>Barri</i>		8d	6/-
Very pretty sport from <i>Barri</i> <i>Conspicuous</i> , white perianth and yellow cup, edged bright orange-scarlet. Per 100 40/-			
Barri Conspicuous ... <i>Barri</i>		6d	4/-
Yellow petals and very fine scarlet cup. Per 100 30/-			
Cervantes ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		4d	2/-
Clear sulphur perianth and yellow cup, nicely frilled. Very free-flowering and produces the earliest blooms. Per 100 10/-, 1000 90/-			
Elvira ... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>		6d	4/6
Broad white petals and golden yellow cup, 4 to 6 flowers on a stem. Per 100 32/6			
Emperor ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>		6d	3/6
Very large flower with brilliant yellow trumpet. Per 100 25/-			
Empress ... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>		6d	4/-
Large flower with white perianth and rich yellow trumpet. Per 100 30/-			
Fairy Queen ... <i>Leedsii</i>		9d	6/6
Flowers pure white, resembling those of a <i>Eucharis</i> .			
Figaro ... <i>Incomparabilis</i>		8d	5/-
One of the finest of this type, yellow petals and scarlet-rimmed cup. Per 100 35/-			
Golden Spur ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>		6d	3/-
Large flower with deep yellow trumpet, early and very fine. Per 100 20/-			
Grand Primo ... <i>Polyanthus</i>		3d	1/-
A cluster-flowered <i>Narciss</i> , white with prim-rose yellow cup. Per 100 4/-, 1000 30/-			
Grand Soleil d'Or ... <i>Polyanthus</i>		6d	3/6
Cluster-flowered, yellow with orange cup. Per 100 25/-			



DAFFODILS, "KING ALFRED."

DAFFODILS.

		Price each	doz.
Herbert Smith	... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	3/-	30/-
Deep yellow, very large trumpet, splendid form and great substance. Per 100 200/-			
Horsfieldi	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	3/6
Rich golden yellow trumpet and white perianth. Per 100 25/-			
King Alfred	... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	2/6	25/-
The Giant Golden Trumpet Daffodil, great size and substance, intense rich gold, a great prize winner. Per 100 175/-			
Klondyke	... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	10d	8/-
Yellow, deep golden cup, 6 to 7 flowers on a stem, the finest yellow in this class.			
Lord Kitchener	... <i>Leedsi</i>	3/-	30/-
A handsome flower with broad flat pure white perianth, crown very large, delicate pale primrose, well open, elegantly crimped at brim.			
Lucifer	... <i>Incomparabilis</i>	6d	4 -
Perianth white, cup intense glowing orange, strong grower, long stems. Per 100 30/-			
Madame Plomp	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	4/6
White petals and golden yellow trumpet, fine for cut-flowers. Per 100 32/6			
Mrs. Langtree	... <i>Leedsi</i>	6d	4/6
Pure white. Per 100 32/6			
Mrs. W. T. Ware	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	4/6
Early and very free flowering. Per 100 32/6			
Odorus Giganteus	... <i>Campernel</i>	9d	7/6
Beautiful flowers of ideal form, larger than Odorus Regulus.			

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DAFFODIL, "SIR WATKIN."

DAFFODILS.

		Price each	doz.
Odorus Regulosus ... <i>Campernel</i>		6d	4/-
The Campernel Jonquil, large-flowering type, golden yellow, early and free-flowering.			
	Per 100	30/-	
Odorus Regulosus			
Plenus <i>Campernel</i>		6d	4/-
Double Campernel Jonquil.	Per 100	30/-	
Olympia ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	2, 6	24/-	
Perianth bright yellow, large golden yellow trumpet.			
Orange Phoenix ... <i>Double</i>	6d	3/-	
(Eggs and Bacon.) Large rose-shaped flowers, white, with rich reddish-orange centre.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Paper White ... <i>Polyanthus</i>	3d	2/-	
Pure white, cluster-flowered, splendid cut-flower.			
	Per 100	10/-; 1000	80/-
Princess Ida ... <i>Sulphur-White</i>	6d	4	6
Splendid white sulphur-tinted trumpet, very free-flowering.			
	Per 100	32/6	
Red Beacon ... <i>Barri</i>	1/3	12/-	
Brilliant cup prettily fluted, fiery orange-red, perianth broad, ivory white slightly shaded sulphur.			
	Per 100	75/-	
Seagull ... <i>Barri</i>	8d	6	-
White perianth, expanded canary yellow cup, free-flowering and tall.			
	Per 100	40/-	
Sir Francis Drake ... <i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	2/6	24	-
Bold flower, deep canary-yellow throughout, a little later than "King Alfred."			
	Per 100	150/-	
Sir Watkin ... <i>Incomparabilis</i>	6d	4/-	
The largest and finest of this type, long stems and a magnificent bloom.			
	Per 100	30/-	

DAFFODILS.

		Price each	doz.
Snowdrops	... <i>Leucojum</i>	3d	1/-
Pretty white bell-shaped flowers tipped green. six or more on a scape 1 ft. long. Per 100 4/6; 1,000 40/-			
Southern Gem	... <i>Leedsii</i>	9d	7/6
White perianth with large lemon-coloured crown. Per 100 50/-			
Sunrise	... <i>Barri</i>	7/6	—
Perianth white with a broad primrose bar in each petal, crown bright orange-yellow with a fairly deep margin of fiery scarlet.			
Triumph	... <i>Poetaz Hybrid</i>	9d	6/-
Pure white with deep yellow eye, largest flowers in this class, 3 to 4 on a stem.			
Van Waveren's Giant	<i>Yellow Trumpet</i>	4/-	—
Produces the largest flower of all daffodils, light yellow perianth, dark golden trumpet.			
Victoria	... <i>Bicolor Trumpet</i>	6d	3/6
Fine yellow trumpet and white petals, free-flowering. Per 100 22/6			
William Goldring	... <i>Sulphur-White</i>	6d	4/6
Creamy white, very fine for bedding. Per 100 32/6			
Finest Mixture of			
All Daffodils		—	2/6
We supply an excellent assortment from our fine collection. Per 100 17/6			

GLADIOLI.

In this section we are listing a very fine range of all the most popular hybrid types as well as a choice range of individually named varieties of fine exhibition type. There is no more satisfying hobby than the cultivation of these intensely beautiful flowers and in South Africa they thrive as they do nowhere else for it is the home of numerous native species and the climate is quite suitable.

GLADIOLI.

In over-seas catalogues most of the dwarf types are described as "early-flowering," but we think the term misleading for South Africa and from our experience we would suggest that most of the dwarf varieties will be found useful for spring planting to flower in summer after the larger types have finished blooming, thus providing a longer flowering period for these popular plants.

			Price each	doz.
Alice Tiplady	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>		1/3	12/6
Beautiful orange-saffron, splendid for cut-flower.				
America	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>		6d	3/6
Bright lilac-rose, very large spikes.				
			Per 100	25/-
Anny Wigman	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>		6d	4/6
Light yellow with red blotch.				
Apollo	... <i>Dwarf</i>		6d	4/-
Orange, violet and white.				
			Per 100	30/-
Apricot	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>		1/-	9/-
Colour apricot, a fine flower on a good stem.				
Argo	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>		1/6	15/-
Delicate pink, tall spike, large flowers.				
Asia	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>		4/6	—
Rich cerise, inside silvery rose with pale base, well-shaped flowers on tall graceful stem.				
Aurora	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>		8d	6/-
A beautiful orange-yellow flower of great substance and highly decorative.				
			Per 100	40/-
Baron Jules Hulot	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>		6d	4/6
Rich indigo blue, vigorous grower giving a tall spike and large flowers.				

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		Price each	doz.
Bleu Celeste	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Clear violet-blue shaded with white, tall stem, large flowers beautifully placed on the stem without crowding.			
Blue Jay	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/-
Deep violet, beautifully shaded, immense flowers.			
Blushing Bride	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Same as "Willy Wigman." Creamy white with soft carmine blotch.			
Captain Fryatt	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/6
A very fine dark red.		Per 100 25/-	
Clear Eye	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7 6
Brilliant scarlet with pure white blotch, large wide open flowers well placed on the stem.			
Colvilli Alba			
(The Bride) Dwarf		6d	3/-
Pure white, splendid for forcing for early bloom.			
		Per 100 22/6	
Colvilli Rubra	... <i>Dwarf</i>	6d	2/6
Rosy purple with darker shading and white stripes.			
		Per 100 20/-	
Crimson Glow	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/-	10/6
A perfect scarlet of a deep tone, large open flowers of finest form.			
Dawn	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	5/6
A long and graceful spike of salmon-pink flowers all open at practically the same time.			
Delicatissima			
Superbissima Dwarf		6d	4/6
Like "Blushing Bride," but finer bloom.			
		Per 100 30/-	
Empress of India	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Dark brown and black, very fine.			
		Per 100 22/6	

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		Price each	doz.
Eurydice	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	8d	5/-
Satin rose with delicate markings on the lower segments. Per 100 35/-			
Faust	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	5/6
Dark velvet red, large flower. Per 100 37/6			
Feu Ardent	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Beautiful carmine-red, good substance, very striking.			
Fiery Knight	... <i>Dwarf</i>	8d	6/-
Bright scarlet and vermillion.			
Fire Queen	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/9	17/6
A splendid bright scarlet primulinus, very fine.			
Flora	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
Beautiful soft yellow, large open flower of good form and substance, one of the best of this colour.			
Generaal De Wet	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/9	17/6
Apricot-rose, flowers well shaped and open, the petals being somewhat recurved, a grand variety.			
Gigantic	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	5/-	50/-
Bright rosy red shaded salmon. Probably the largest of all Gladioli.			
Halley	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	4d	2/6
Bright orange-rose with a yellowish tint in the throat; produces immense spikes of large blooms. Per 100 17/6			
Herada	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
Pure clear glistening mauve, immense blooms on tall straight stems, very striking.			
Hirsutus	...	1/-	10/-
A scented native species, colour rosy mauve, varies.			

GLADIOLI.

		Price each	doz.
Imperator	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
The largest white gladiolus, a superb bloom of great substance, splendid for exhibition.			
Kitty Grullemans	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/6	25/-
A beautiful combination of bright orange and clear yellow flowers of great size and beauty.			
Klondyke	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/3	12/6
Deep yellow with crimson-maroon blotch.			
Liebesfeuer	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8d	5/-
(Lovefire.) Brilliant red, very large flower.			
	Per 100	35/-	
Lilac Wonder	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/9	17/6
Pure soft lilac, a beautiful shade, large flowers on slender stems.			
L'Immaculee	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/6
Pure white flowers, splendid for cutting.			
	Per 100	30/-	
Madame Herriot	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6/-	—
Clear salmon-orange, very fine.			
Madame Petain	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Soft rosy lilac, flushed silvery white, very graceful.			
Maiden's Blush	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	2/6
(Enchantress.) Beautiful delicate pink, stems tall and slender, splendid cut-flower.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Mrs. Francis King	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	4/-
Large orange-red flowers, very fine for forcing for early bloom.			
Mrs. Potter Palmer	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	8/6	—
Deep purple-violet, a most beautiful flower.			
Odin	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Pure salmon, a very beautiful large-flowering variety, strong grower.			
	Per 100	20/-	

GLADIOLI.

		Price each	doz.
Orange Brilliant	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
A most attractive variety; the name amply describes its colour.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Orange King	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/6	25/-
Pure orange, large and free flowering, very early.			
Pride of Haarlem	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/6	25/-
Rich salmon-cherry-red shaded with fawn, a grand new variety.			
Prince of Orange	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	1/9	18/-
A perfect orange and considered the best of its colour, flowers well open and gracefully arranged.			
Prince of Wales	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Beautiful salmon-red shaded silvery white.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Red Emperor	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Red, extra large flower.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Reine Victoria	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	9d	7/6
Deep pink shaded silvery rose, flowers larger than usual for this type but of a most beautiful form.			
Rose Luisante	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	9d	7 6
Brilliant deep rose-pink shaded white, a flower of great beauty and refinement.			
Salmon Beauty	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/6	15/-
Deep salmon with rich salmon-yellow throat, strong grower.			
Salmonea	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Bright scarlet, very fine for decorative purposes.			
	Per 100	20/-	

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HYACINTHS, "CITY OF HAARLEM."

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		Price each	doz.
Schwaben	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Clear citron-yellow, a very strong grower.			
	Per 100	20/-	
Sonia	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	2/6	25/-
Large bright red, an unusual colour among the <i>Primulinus</i> varieties.			
Sunrise	... <i>Primulinus Hybrid</i>	1/3	12 6
Light yellow shaded orange, fringed flowers, very attractive.			
Violet Queen	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
Clear violet, well opened flowers on medium stem, very attractive.			
War	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3/-
Deep blood red, shaded crimson-black.			
	Per 100	20/-	
White City	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	6d	3 6
Pure white.			
	Per 100	25/-	
White Glory	... <i>Garden Hybrid</i>	2/-	20/-
A beautiful white with an iris-blue throat, very fine.			
Nanceianus Hybrids		—	2/-
A fine race, producing flowers of great size and brilliant colours, heavily spotted.			
	Per 100	15/-	
Primulinus Hybrids...		—	1/6
A new race of hybrids produced by crossing the beautiful primrose-yellow " <i>Gladiolus primulinus</i> " with some of the best garden varieties.			
	Per 100	10/6	
Rosebank Mixture	...	—	4/6
An assortment of superior varieties from our grand collection.			
	Per 100	32/6	

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HYACINTH, "LA GRANDESSE."

HYACINTHS.

		Price	each	doz.
City of Haarlem	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Bright golden yellow.			
General Vetter	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Blush white, large truss.			
Gigantea	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Pale rose, large spike.			
Grand Maitre	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Deep porcelain blue, very fine.			
Honneur				
	d'Leidschedam <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Wine red.			
King of the Blues	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Bright dark blue.			
King of the Yellows	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Fine deep yellow.			
La Grandesse	... <i>Single</i>		1/6	15/-
	Pure white, long full spike of splendid form.			
L'Esperance	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Purple.			
L'Innocence	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Pure white, a fine truss with large bells.			
	Per 100 80/-			
Lord Balfour	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Lilac-rose tinged dark violet, very early.			
Marie	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Dark blue.			
Moreno	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Bright pink with darker stripe, large bells and spike.			
Orange Glow	... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
	Orange yellow.			



SPANISH IRIS.

HYACINTHS.

		Price each	doz.
Perle Brillante ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Outside blue, inside pale blue, sturdy stems,			
Queen of the Blues ... <i>Single</i>		1/6	15/-
Beautiful light porcelain blue, large compact spike with bells of medium size.			
Queen of the Pinks ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Lovely pink, large truss and strong stem, very fine.			
Regulus ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Clear blue.	Per 100	80/-	
Roi Des Belges ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
Clear rosy crimson.			
Yellow Hammer ... <i>Single</i>		1/3	12/6
One of the best of this colour.			
Double Red, Rose and Pink		1/3	12/6
Double Blue and Dark Blue		1/3	12/6
Double Mixed ...		1/3	12/6
Single Red, Rose and Pink		1/-	10/6
Single Blue and Dark Blue		1/-	10/6
Single Purple and Violet		1/-	10/6
Single White ...		1/-	10/6
Single Yellow ...		1/-	10/6
Single Mixed ...		1/-	10/6

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IRISES.

Bulbous Section.		Price each	doz.
Bakker Korff	... <i>Dutch</i>	4d	2/6
Creamy white, shaded light blue, large flower on strong stem.			
Cajanus	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
Golden yellow, very tall grower.			
Count of Nassau	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
The best dark blue, sweetly scented.			
Flora	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
Light blue and white, very large.			
Frans Hals	... <i>Dutch</i>	4d	2/6
Standard light pearly blue, falls cream with large orange blotch.			
Jan Steen	... <i>Dutch</i>	6d	3/6
White standards and clear citron yellow falls.			
Queen Wilhelmina	... <i>Spanish</i>	4d	2/6
Pure white, strong grower.			
Rembrandt	... <i>Dutch</i>	4d	2/6
Purple blue standards, falls blue with conspicuous orange blotch.			
Spanish Iris Mixed		—	2/-
		Per 100	12/6

Rhizomatous Section.

REGELIO-CYCLUS GROUP.		Price each	doz.
Artemis	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	4/-	—
Violet-purple, veined dark purple with black spots, tall, large flower.			
Beatrix	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	—
Soft pearl grey with dark violet veining.			
Charon	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	2/-	—
Dark brown, veined black.			
Hecate	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	—
Upper petals soft rosy white, lower petals veined brown and bronze on a silvery ground.			

IRISES.

		Price each	doz.
Hera	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	3/-	—
	A beautiful ruby red shaded bronze-blue.		
Isis	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	6/6	—
	Ruby red with grey and purple veins, very large.		
Parthenope	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	1/6	—
	Lilac and white, veined purple.		
Psyche	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	4/-	—
	Silvery white ground, brown veining.		
Saturnus	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	2/-	—
	Light violet, veined purple and netted silver-grey.		
Una	... <i>Regelio-Cyclus</i>	2/6	—
	Dark brown with violet veining.		

Miscellaneous.

Alcazer	... <i>Squalens</i>	2/-	18/-
	Light blue and bronze.		
Dalmatica	... <i>Pallida</i>	2/6	—
	(Princess Beatrice).		
Florentina	... <i>Barbata</i>	6d	4/-
	Large white, sweet scented, tall grower.		
	Per 100	25/-	
Gigantea	... <i>Beardless</i>	6d	2/6
	(Ochroleuca). Bright yellow, very tall grower.		
	Per 100	15/-	
Purple King	... <i>Germanica</i>	9d	7/6
	(Atroviolacea). Purple-violet.		
Stylosa Alba	... <i>Beardless</i>	1/9	17/6
	Winter-flowering, white.		
Stylosa, Mauve	... <i>Beardless</i>	3d	1/6
	A beautiful Algerian Iris of dwarf habit, grass-like foliage, lovely mauve flowers on slender stems up to 12 inches, autumn-flowering.		
	Per 100	10/-	

LILIUMS.

	Price	each	doz.
Lilium Candidum ... <i>Madonna Lily</i>	2/6		25/-
A truly elegant bloom, pure white.			
Lilium Henryi ...	3/6		—
Beautiful bright orange, produces a large number of flowers to a stem, height 3 to 6 feet or more.			
Lilium Longi-			
florum Formosum <i>White Japanese Lily</i>	2/6		25/-
Pure white, sweetly scented, a number of large trumpet-shaped flowers carried on a tall stem.			
Lilium Speciosum			
Album	3/-		—
One of the most beautiful Japanese Lilies in cultivation, large open flowers with recurved petals, 2 to 3 ft. stems.			
Lilium Speciosum			
Rubrum	3/-		—
This differs only in colour from the "Album" variety, having red or purplish suffusions and blotches.			
Lilium Tigrinum			
Flore Pleno	1/-		9/-
The double Tiger Lily, scarlet-orange.			
Lilium Tigrinum			
Sinense <i>Tiger Lily</i>	1/-		9/-
Deep orange-red flowers, heavily blotched stems 2 to 4 ft.			

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RANUNCULUS.

		Price each	doz.
Alexander Dumas ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Scarlet, shaded orange.	Per 100	8/6	
Belladonna ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Violet striped.	Per 100	18/6	
Emperor of China ... <i>French</i>		4d	1/6
Pure yellow.	Per 100	7/6	
Fire Ball ... <i>Persian</i>		3d	1/6
Vermilion, large flower.	Per 100	10/-	
Galitzin ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Yellow striped brown.	Per 100	18/6	
Grandiflora			
(Grootvorst) <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Carmine.	Per 100	15/-	
Hercules ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
White.	Per 100	15/-	
Hertog Karel ... <i>Scotch</i>		6d	2/6
Violet striped.	Per 100	18/6	
L'Etincelante ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Scarlet.	Per 100	10/-	
Maria Catharina ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Light pink.	Per 100	10/-	
Merveilleuse <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Yellow.	Per 100	12/6	
Orange Brilliant ... <i>Persian</i>		3d	1/6
Deep yellow, tinged orange, black centre.	Per 100	10/-	
Romano ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Scarlet.	Per 100	15/-	
Seraphique ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Citron.	Per 100	15/-	

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RANUNCULUS.

		Price each	doz.
Vermilion Brilliant ... <i>French</i>		3d	1/6
Vermilion-red.	Per 100	8/6	
Viridiflora ... <i>Turban</i>		4d	2/-
Scarlet with greenish centre.	Per 100	15/-	
		Price doz.	100
French, Finest mixed		1/-	6/6
Turban, Finest mixed		1/6	10/6

WATSONIAS.

		Price each	doz.
Adelaide ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1/-	9/-
Orange-scarlet.			
Brighton ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		2/-	18 -
Purple.			
Brisbane ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		2 -	18 -
Bright crimson-scarlet.			
Caulfield ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1 6	12 -
Delicate pink.			
Hobart ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		2/-	19 -
Good white, late flowering.			
Lascinator ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1 6	12 -
White with fringed edge.			
Lorne ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1/-	9 -
Rose-pink with deeper throat.			
Melbourne ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		4d	2 6
Shell pink, deeper throat.			
Perth ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1/-	9 -
Dwarf shell-pink.			
Pretoria ... <i>Hybrid</i>		4d	3 -
Mauvy pink shading to magenta.			
Sydney ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		4d	2 6
Mauve, deeper edge.			
Victoria ... <i>Cronin Hybrid</i>		1/6	12 -
Deep red, long tube.			

WATSONIAS.

	Price each	doz.
Watsonia Aleteroides	4d	3/-
A very beautiful narrow-tubed species, quite distinct from any other <i>Watsonia</i> , bright scarlet. Per 100 20/-		
Watsonia Angusta ... " <i>Scarlet</i> "	3d	1/6
Gives a very fine spike of scarlet flowers. Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-		
Watsonia Brevifolia " <i>Rosc-pink</i> "	6d	4/6
Watsonia Iridifolia ...	3d	1/6
A very pretty species with characteristic flowers, greenish ivory colour on opening changing to cream. Per 100 10/6		
Watsonia Marginata	6d	4/6
A fine species with beautiful delicate pink flowers on a very tall stem.		
Watsonia Meriana ... " <i>Suurknol</i> "	3d	1/6
Narrow-tubed flowers of a delicate crushed strawberry shade. Colour is somewhat variable in this species. Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-		
Watsonia Rosea ...	3d	1/6
The Pink <i>Watsonia</i> of Table Mountain, very showy. Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-		
Watsonia Rosea		
var. Alba	3d	1/6
Arderne's <i>Watsonia</i> . This is a beautiful white <i>Watsonia</i> , introduced into cultivation by the late Mr. H. M. Arderne. Per 100 7/6; 1,000 60/-		

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CLIVIA HYBRIDS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Agapanthus <i>African Lily</i>	9d	7/6
Magnificent umbels of blue flowers, veined lighter blue, borne on a tall scape. A very striking plant. Also a white variety.		
	Per 100 50/-	
Amaryllis Belladonna <i>March Lily</i>	9d	6/-
Bears six to twelve sweetly scented funnel-shaped flowers on a tall stem, colour varies from almost white to deep pink. Per 100 42/-		
Antholyza Præalta... <i>Cape Antholyza</i>	3d	1/-
Showy orange-red blooms, well above the foliage. Thrives in shady positions, but the best blooms are produced in the open.		
	Per 100 5/-; 1,000 42/-	
Aponogeton		
Distachyon <i>Cape Pondweed</i>	9d	7/6
Sweet-scented white flowers during winter, leaves float on the surface of the water.		
Babiana, Purple Self	4d	2/-
A striking variety.	Per 100 12/6	
Babiana Stricta ...	4d	2/-
Light blue.	Per 100 12/6	
Babiana Stricta ... <i>"Sulphurea"</i>	4d	2/-
Milk-white, fine blooms.	Per 100 12/6	
Babiana, Mixed ...	—	1/6
Splendid mixture.	Per 100 10/6	
Begonia ... <i>Tuberous</i>	—	—
From January onwards beautiful flowering specimens are on view at Ayres' Nurseries , Rosebank. In pots, 2/6 and 3/6 each.		
Dry bulbs later, 1/- each, 10/- doz.		

GLOXINIAS.



MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Clivia Hybrids ...	3/6	—
Beautiful funnel-shaped flowers borne in umbels on a stout stem, very striking colours in deep yellow and orange. Larger specimens 5/- and 7/6.		
Crinum Longifolium	2/-	18/-
Gives 6 to 8 large white flowers usually flushed with red, on a strong stem.		
Cyclamen ... <i>Hybrids</i>	—	—
We have a fine collection of these beautiful pot plants. Flowering specimens, in season, in pots, 2/6 to 5/- each; dry corms, 1/- each, 10/- per doz.		
Cyrtanthus (Ifafa Lily)	3d	2/-
Pretty bulbous plants from Natal having tubular flowers produced in umbels on a slender stem.		
Dahlias ...	—	—
Special list issued in season.		
Dierama Pendula ...	6d	4/6
Soft rosy-white funnel-shaped flowers drooping gracefully from threadlike stalks carried on a tall flower stem, a charming plant.		
Eremurus Himalaicus	3/6	—
Erect spikes of beautiful white flowers on a stout stem 5 ft. or more in height.		
Freesia Fergusonia ...	4d	2/-
Variable shades of yellow. Per 100 12/6		
Freesia Refracta ...	—	1/-
The sweetly scented blooms are produced in great profusion. Per 100 6/-; 1000 50/-		



IXIAS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Gloxinia ... <i>Hybrids</i>	—	—
A beautiful plant for pot culture. Flowering specimens in season, in pots, 3/6 to 5/- each; dry corms, 1/- each, 8/6 doz.		
Haemanthus		
Coccineus <i>Maartbloem</i>	2/6	25/-
Umbels of bright red flowers produced in early autumn before the leaves appear.		
Hemerocallis ... <i>Day Lily</i>	6d	3/6
"Double Orange." The flowers are not lasting, but very pretty and of a striking colour. Per 100 25/-		
Hemerocallis ... <i>Day Lily</i>	6d	3/6
"The Monarch." A beautifully clear orange-yellow, single flower, opens out well and lasts longer than other varieties. Per 100 25/-		
Hippeastrum Hybrids	2/6	—
Magnificent trumpet flowers, usually about four on a tall stout stem, gorgeous colours, commonly called "Amaryllis."		
Ixia Æthiopica ...	4d	2/-
Yellow and red, smaller and later flowering than "I. maculata." Per 100 12/6		
Ixia Rosea ... <i>Rose-pink</i>	4d	2/-
Taller and a shade lighter than "Ixia patens." Per 100 12/6		
Ixia ... <i>Kalossie</i>	4d	2/-
Finest mixture. Per 100 12/6		
Kniphofia Alcooides ... <i>Red Hot Poker</i>	1/-	9/-
Gives a striking Aloe-like spike of red and yellow tubular flowers on long stems, more robust than "Kniphofia rufa."		
Kniphofia Rufa ... <i>Red Hot Poker</i>	1/-	9/-
The stems are more slender, giving the flowers a more artistic appearance than "K. Alcooides."		

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Lachenalia Pendula...	1/-	10/-
Orange-red, tipped with green and purple.		
Lapeyrouisia		
Corymbosa	3d	1/6
Gives a dense corymbose panicle of bright violet flowers, very beautiful. Per 100 10/6		
Leucojum ... <i>Snowflake</i>	3d	1/-
Pretty white bell-shaped flowers tipped green, six or more on a scape about 1 ft. long. Per 100 4/6; 1,000 40/-		
Montbretia Mixed ...	3d	2/-
Mostly orange and scarlet shades; very graceful flowers for vase decoration. Per 100 12/6		
Moraea Iridioides ...	2/-	—
Iris-like flowers opening successively on a tall stem, thus remaining in bloom for a long time.		
Nerine Alba ...	2/6	—
A beautiful and free-flowering white Nerine.		
Nerine "Pink" ...	1/-	10/-
A pretty variety of this beautiful flowering bulb.		
Nerine Sarniensis ...	1/-	10/-
Bright red, sparkling bloom. Per 100 75/-		
Nerine Undulata ...	1/-	10/-
A pretty species with rather small pink flowers, with crimped (undulated) petals; unlike "N. sarniensis" the flowers appear with the leaves.		
Ornithogalum		
Arabicum	3d	1/6
The shining black ovary surrounded by the yellow anthers and creamy white petals make this a conspicuous flower. Per 100 8/6		

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	Price each	doz.
Ornithogalum Lacteum	4d	2/6
"Darling" Chinkerichee. Gives a nicer bloom than the "Cape" variety, produced a few weeks later. Per 100 15/-		
Ornithogalum		
Thyrsoides	3d	1/6
"Cape" Chinkerichee. This is the early-flowering variety. Per 100 8/6		
Ornithogalum		
Umbellatum	4d	2/6
This species is known in Europe as "Star of Bethlehem."		
Pancratium ... <i>Spider Lily</i>	9d	7/6
White. The stamens are attached to a delicate cup-shaped membrane, while the long narrow petals dangle below. Per 100 50/-		
Scilla Campanulata ... <i>Spanish Bluebell</i>	3d	1/-
Beautiful bell-shaped flowers on slender scapes about 12 inches high, various shades. Per 100 5/-		
Sparaxis ... <i>Mixed</i>	3d	1/3
Beautiful Freesia-like flowers in various colours. Per 100 7/6		
Sparaxis Grandiflora		
var. Liliago	3d	1/6
Pure white with a black spot at the base of each petal and flushed with claret-purple outside, very fine. Per 100 10/6		
Sparaxis Grandiflora " <i>Cream</i> "	3d	1/6
A delightful shade and gives a very nice spray, useful cut-flower. Per 100 10/6		

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MISCELLANEOUS.

	Price each	doz.
Sparaxis		
Streptanthera " <i>Tangerine</i> "	3d	1/6
A beautiful Sparaxis of splendid form and lovely soft shade of tangerine.	Per 100	10/6
Sprekelia		
Formosissima	1/3	12/-
A brilliant scarlet Amaryllid of exquisite form and very easy to grow in pots or open ground.	Per 100	80/-
Strelitzia Reginae ... <i>Crane Flower</i>	3/6	—
A peculiar flower resembling a crane's head, blue and gold tinted orange with a green sheath, a striking combination.		
Tritonia Deusta ...	4d	3/-
Orange-yellow with dark blotch.		
Tritonia Hyalina ...	4d	2/6
Salmon-pink Tritonia. We consider this the most beautiful of the Tritonias.	Per 100	15/-
Tritonia Lineata ...	—	6d
The Veined Tritonia. A strong grower and flowers freely.	Per 100	3/6; 1,000 30/-
Tritonia Squalida ...	4d	2/6
Rosy pink, variable.	Per 100	15/-
Tritonia ... <i>Mixed</i>	4d	2/-
	Per 100	12/6
Tulips ...	1/3	10 6
A few acclimatised bulbs, various colours, Darwin type.		
Zephyranthes Candida <i>Swamp Lily</i>	—	6d
The pretty white flowers among the narrow dark green leaves make a fine show in mid-summer.	Per 100	3/6; 1,000 30/-

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NOTES ON THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CULTIVATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN BULBOUS PLANTS.

Although South African plants have long been cultivated in Europe, and especially during the latter half of the eighteenth century, we are only just beginning to realise the horticultural possibilities of our native flora. And none too soon—for several of our rarest and most beautiful species are in danger of becoming extinct on account of our apathetic attitude towards the wholesale destruction of our wild flowers through indiscriminate and unorganised plucking and selling.

At present there are unmistakeable signs of a re-awakening of interest in South African plants. American horticultural magazines publish "special" articles, profusely illustrated, on the cultivation of various South African Irids of which many of our gardeners have never heard! In this movement we should take a proud and active part. The splendid work being done by the National Botanic Gardens at Kirstenbosch in the preservation of our flora and in experimental work on their cultivation deserves the recognition and encouragement of the ever-increasing body of enthusiastic growers of South African plants. In this connection the annual Journals of the Botanical Society, which exists to help Kirstenbosch, are full of valuable information, while, also under the auspices of the Society, demonstrations in gardening are held on the third Saturday afternoon in each month.

The following notes are limited to such of our native plants as appear in this catalogue.

South African Bulbous Plants.

The term "bulbous," although more restricted in its botanical use, is applied generally speaking to all plants which have an underground root-stock for the purpose of storing food, commonly for use during the resting period when the plant dies down above ground. This underground rootstock is known as a "corm" when the stem has become modified as the storage organ. Plants possessing corms which appear in this Catalogue are Gladioli, including Africanders and Painted Ladies, Ixias, Watsonias, Antholyzas, Babianas, Dierama, Freesia, Sparaxis and Tritonias.

These all belong to the Iridaceae or Iris family, as can be seen by their possession of the following floral characters:—

- (a) parts arranged in threes.
- (b) inferior ovary.
- (c) a single row of three stamens.

Gladioli may be distinguished from other Irids by several characteristics e.g.,

- (a) The flowers are arranged in spikes.
- (b) The stigmas are unbranched.
- (c) The bracts (protecting the flower) are herbaceous.
- (d) The flower-segments are not all alike.
- (e) The tube of the flower is funnel-shaped.

Ixias again have membranous bracts, the flower segments alike and a narrow tube suddenly widening into a bowl.

The more familiar Watsonias are easily recognisable and have their stigmas two-branched.

Antholyzas are easily confused with Gladiolus and Watsonias, except that these not only have unbranched stigmas but a narrow tube, suddenly becoming cylindrical, and irregular flower-segments.

Babianas can always be recognised by their fan-folded leaves.

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In *Dierama* the flower is bell-shaped and the bracts membranous.

Freesia, like *Watsonia*, has the stigma branched, but instead of the spike being vertical it is here horizontal.

Sparaxis has membranous bracts very much lacerated, while in *Tritonia* the bracts are not lacerated.

When leaves or the bases of leaves are modified to form a storage organ the rootstock is known as a bulb, e.g. *Amaryllis Belladonna* or March Lily, *Crinum*, *Cyrtanthus*, *Haemanthus*, *Nerine* and *Vallota* or Knysna Lily, belonging to the *Amaryllis* family or *Amaryllidaceae*, and *Galtonia*, *Lachenalia* and *Ornithogalum* or Chinkerichee which belong to *Liliaceae*.

Amaryllids may be distinguished from *Irids* by the possession of two rows of three stamens, while in the *Liliaceae* not only are both rows of stamens present but the ovary is superior.

The flowers and leaves of *Crinum* appear at the same time, while those of the *Belladonna* come at different seasons. In both these *Amaryllids* the fruit contains one or a few seeds only, while in *Nerine*, *Vallota* and *Cyrtanthus* the seeds are numerous. The petals of *Nerine* are free while those of *Vallota* and *Cyrtanthus* are partly joined to one another. In *Vallota* the tube is comparatively wider and longer than in *Cyrtanthus*. The fruit of *Haemanthus* is a berry.

Galtonia has angular seeds while those of *Lachenalia* and *Ornithogalum* are rounded. The Chinkerichee is found in vlei ground while *Lachenalias* prefer sandy or rocky situations.

When the root is swollen with reserves of food the rootstock is called a tuber. Such are *Aponogeton*, a

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water-plant, the magnificent Gloriosa Lily and Satyrium, an orchid.

When the storage organ is a creeping underground stem it is known as a rhizome, e.g. the Arum and *Moraea iridioides*; one of the few Irids without a corm.

Clivia, Agapanthus, the Red Hot Poker and Strelitzia have imperfect bulbs with thickened roots. They are perennial herbs and do not die down above ground during drought.

The bulbous plants here quoted may be roughly divided into

- (a) those which can be taken up and stored and
- (b) those best left in the ground.

As a general rule it is more advantageous to store such bulbous plants as have a *definite* resting-period; for this not only lessens the risk of damage from the rodent mole or Blesmol, but also gives the gardener an opportunity to cultivate and improve his soil.

Arums are readily adaptable and in favourable situations do not die down above ground. It would also be hardly practicable to dig up their creeping rhizomes. Agapanthus and others of the perennial type are best left in the ground and only lifted for division when new shoots have been formed. The late-flowering Watsonias are also best treated in this way, and such bulbous plants as are moisture-loving, e.g. *Gladiolus tristis*, or flower in the dry months, e.g. a few species of *Antholyza* and *Gladiolus* need similar treatment.

Those plants with underground rootstocks which enable them to have a dormant period during the dry months are of two kinds, according as they originate from the winter or

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summer rainfall areas. When such plants are transposed to the reverse conditions it becomes, as a rule, more necessary to take up the rootstocks in order to get the best results. It will be readily seen that a plant from the Eastern Province, accustomed to remain dormant during a cold dry winter, would not thrive if left underground in the Western Province where we have heavy rain at that season.

Summer-flowering are several species of *Gladiolus*, *Watsonias* and *Tritonia*, *Gloriosa*, *Crinum*, *Vallota* and *Freesia*.

Winter-flowering are *Moraea*, *Ixia*, species of *Watsonia*, *Gladiolus* and *Antholyza*, *Babiana*, *Dierama*, *Freesia* (when transferred to the Western Province and planted in April), *Lachenalia*, *Satyrion* and *Sparaxis*. Many of these are more truly early Spring-flowering but may be classed with the Winter-flowering for horticultural purposes.

The majority of our larger ornamental *Amaryllids* are characteristically Autumn-flowering, e.g. *Amaryllis*, *Haemanthus* and *Nerine*. As they rest during Summer drought, they may be treated on the same lines as the Winter-flowering.

The fact that so many of our South African plants are extremely local in their distribution prepares us for their need of individual conditions. But once established in well-drained and suitable surroundings the majority amply repay any thoughtful attention.

Arums do well in marshy ground near streams or in fairly shady woods.

The brown *Africander* is partial to flats or hillsides and can stand a considerable period of drought.

Painted Ladies need a slightly more secluded spot, but as a rule are also found on hillsides or the more gravelly portions of the flats.

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Watsonias as a rule are hardy, doing well on gravelly soil or brown sandy loam. The Summer-flowering species seem to favour less arid conditions.

Agapanthus are suitable for almost any garden soils, some of the large varieties being successful even in very sandy soil.

Belladonnas prefer shady spots and appear to great advantage planted beneath oaks.

Antholyzas need varying treatment according to their species.

Babianas are partial to very sandy soils.

Cyrtanthus according to the species, may need a fairly moist situation, e.g. *Cyrtanthus obliquus* where the leaves remain green all the year round. A fairly rich loam is favourable for these Amaryllids.

Crinum, which also does not die down, requires similar conditions.

Dierama can be grown on a sandy loam with a fair amount of humus. It is an exceedingly graceful plant and eminently repays a little cultivation.

Gloriosa should be planted in situations where it can twine over trellises or trees, etc. Its striking and handsome flowers will then be seen to best advantage. It needs a certain degree of moisture, being a forest plant.

Haemanthus is found near the coast on sandy mountain slopes. The species quoted has a pair of large flat green leaves which appear in Winter.

Ixias are partial to dry sandy soil, and in such situations are fairly easily grown.

Lachenalias are found either near sandy flats or among rocks whence they derive their name of "Klip Kalossies." They make very fine pot plants.

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Ornithogalums are partial to vlel ground, but do well even in fairly sandy spots.

The *Satyrion* quoted can be grown in extremely sandy soil.

Sparaxis like *Ixias* are hardy and can be given similar treatment.

The Red Hot Poker prefers slightly shaded positions as the leaves are evergreen.

Tritonias for the most part can be planted in fairly dry situations, though they do well in more rich sandy soil, especially *Tritonia hyalina*.

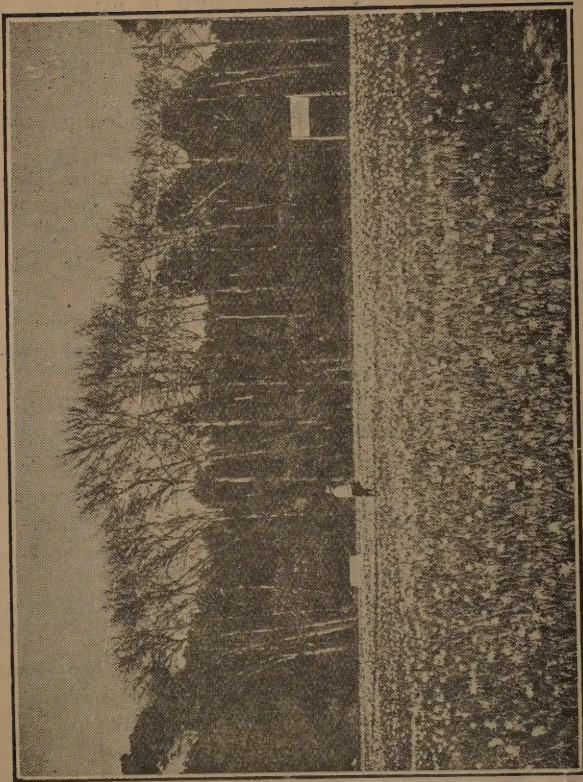
Vallota needs shade and careful handling. It makes an ornamental pot-plant.

The larger *Gladioli* are already famous, but the slender, more graceful species are set off in all their daintiness by green lawns and a grassy back ground.

The majority seed freely, and once in cultivation can soon with proper care be produced in sufficient quantity for mass effects. After the first rains the seeds are sown, and as transplanting should not take place before a fair-sized root-stock has been formed, it is advisable to have them a fair distance apart from the outset. The Summer-flowering species are sown in Spring.

These are only a few of the treasures to be found among the almost inexhaustible store of our native plants. Many of the smaller flowers such as the Golden Stars, the *Romuleas* and *Galaxias* though not yet generally known would be most effective when massed or in cobbled paths as may be witnessed in the Spring or Autumn at Kirstenbosch.

The *Babianas* make vivid borders, while the taller and hardier *Antholyzas* and *Agapanthus*, etc., would grace the stateliest of terraces and avenues.



A FIELD OF DAFFODILS AT AYRES' NURSERIES.